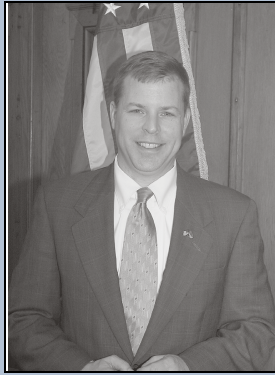


# Representative Scott E. Reske

*The New Indiana State Representative for District 37*



## Meet Representative Scott E. Reske

A native Hoosier, Scott was raised in Pendleton. He worked his way through Purdue University as a firefighter, then served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer and aviator.

He is currently Vice President of Beam, Longest and Neff, a civil engineering firm, and serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and as a volunteer firefighter with the Pendleton Fire Department.

Scott lives in Pendleton with his wife, Dr. Laura Reske, and their two children, Kathryn, ten, and Ryan, six. In his spare time he competes in triathlons and studies military history.

After Representative Scott Mellinger resigned from the House in order to become Director of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, the caucus elected me in late December to fill his position. I have known Scott for years and respect him as a friend and as a legislator, so it is a special honor for me to serve District 37 in his place.

It will be a challenging session. The nation is at war. Hoosiers face a serious economic shortfall. The state Tax Court has ordered a restructuring of our current tax system, all while jobs are being drawn away from Indiana. We have many tasks at hand, and only a short time in which to resolve them.

In light of these events, I want to take a moment to reassure you of how dedicated I am to serving each person in our district, and to explain four simple items that I will bear in mind as I conduct business in the Statehouse.

1. Fiscal action must be taken during this session. We cannot delay any longer.
2. It is useless to blame each other for our current status. The government in both the state and the nation are basically balanced along party lines. We cannot waste precious time pointing fingers when the public simply wants our problems resolved.
3. While we fight the war on terrorism, our job at home is to recover economically. Each legislative decision must demonstrate this.
4. We must fiercely protect our national defense and educational resources. Our freedom as a nation depends on both of these.

During this session I will strive to keep education and economic recovery in focus and push for action on the budget shortfall and tax restructuring. I hope that you will work with me to bring Indiana through these difficult days and set our state upon the right path for the future.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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## House District 37 now represented by Scott E. Reske

If you were accustomed to receiving news about the Indiana Legislature from Representative Scott Mellinger, you will be interested to learn that he is continuing to serve the community as Director of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. After a caucus meeting, Scott E. Reske was elected to serve as your Representative.

## Keep up with the Legislature online

It's easy to stay in touch with Rep. Reske through the Internet. Just visit

[www.in.gov/H37](http://www.in.gov/H37) to learn about upcoming legislation and stay informed about matters that impact our district.



## Session Snapshots...



Sworn in to the House of Representatives by Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, Rep. Reske is shown with his children, Katie and Ryan. Below, Rep. Reske discusses legislation with Rep. Terry Goodin (D-Crothersville).



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